

REMARKS

Applicants have amended Claim 12 to incorporate the limitations of Claim 13 (now canceled). Applicants note in this regard that Claim 13 incorrectly included definitions for R⁴ and R⁵, which cannot be present in view of the definition of R¹ and are thus not included within the amendments to Claim 12. In view of the amendments to Claim 12, Applicants have also amended Claim 14 to exclude the redundant definitions already found in Claim 12 as amended (i.e., so that only the definition of R² is still needed). In addition to canceling Claim 13, Applicants have also canceled Claims 24 and 25 as discussed below.

Objection to Claims 13-18

Claims 13-18 stand objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but are identified as being allowable if amended to place them in proper independent form. As discussed herein, Applicants have amended their claims in view of this indication of allowable subject matter.

Rejections of Claims 24 and 25

Claims 24 and 25 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent 7,034,130. Claims 24 and 25 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by WO 03/010155 ("Jeschke et al"). In view of the cancellation of Claims 24 and 25, Applicants respectfully submit that these grounds of rejection have been traversed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 12 and 19-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while enabling with respect to specific amino sugars set forth in the specification at pages 5-6, is said not to provide enablement for amino sugars generally. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Because of the stated allowability of the subject matter of Claims 13-18, Applicants have amended Claim 12 to incorporate the limitations of canceled Claim 13 (except for the extraneous definitions for R⁴ and R⁵ as mentioned above). Applicants therefore submit that Claim 12 is now allowable and, consequently, submit that Claims 19-23, which depend on amended Claim 12, are also allowable. Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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